OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Wednesday, *the* *15th December 1943.* / *29th Vrischigam 1119.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, A. L. Antony and C. K. S. Moni were absent.

HILL PADDY SCHEME

21. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the officer who is in direct charge of the working of the Hill Paddy Scheme;

(*b*) has he any previous experience of the working of the Hill cultivation; if so, what are his qualifications;

(*c*) the number of Officers who are employed under him and the amount spent each month as pay of such Officers?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Mr. M. Sankara Menon, Superintendent, Hill Paddy Scheme.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The number of Officers varied from time to time. A list of the present strength of the staff, with their monthly pay is appended. *(Appendix I)*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has Mr. Sankara Menon to attend to any other duties than this Hill Paddy Scheme?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* At present he is the Director of Agriculture also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* While he was doing the Hill Paddy Superintendent's work, was he also the Director of Agriculture?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Hill Paddy Department, as the Hon'ble House knows, was under the Diwan till last Karkadagam, when alone it was transferred to the Minister. When the Director of Agriculture retired, the Hill Paddy Superintendent was asked to do both the duties from that date onwards.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That is not the question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the amount of paddy that is available for distribution from the Hill Paddy Scheme.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* About 50,000 paras.

Mr. President: That does not arise from this question.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Who was the Director of Agriculture before the Superintendent of Hill Paddy Scheme was put in charge of the Department?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. Krishna Warrier.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether soon after Mr. Krishna Warrier retired, Mr. Sankara Menon was appointed Director of Agriculture?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, during the interim between the appointment of Mr. Sankara Menon and the retirement of Mr. Krishna Warrier, who was in charge of the Department?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The question of appointment of a permanent incumbent was under the consideration of the Government at the time and Mr. Krishna Warrier was asked to give charge to the Personal Veterinary Assistant.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether during the Personal Assistant's charge, the Department was being administered satisfactorily.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is nothing to be said against him.

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in other countries only noon-day feeding had been started by the generous public. There are in the field voluntary associations with large amounts of funds at their disposal. Here we have no such charitable bodies who have been doing this work of noon-day feeding and the entire cost and the brunt of the task will have to be borne by the Government. We have reason to think that generous contributions can be expected from philanthropic people and we have also reason to think that with this contribution of one-third of the total expenditure from Government, it may be possible to work the scheme.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

N. S. RADHAKRISHNA SARMA
Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX I

(Please see question No. 21)

1.	Assistant Superintendent	..	1 @ Rs. 120	Rs. 120
2.	Medical Officer	..	1 @ Rs. 150	Rs. 150
3.	Unit Commander	..	4 @ Rs. 100	Rs. 400
4.	Do.	..	2 @ Rs. 75	Rs. 150
5.	Supervisors	..	21 @ Rs. 50	Rs. 1,050
6.	Sardars	..	47 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 1,410
7.	Maistries	..	28 @ Rs. 20	Rs. 560
8.	Compounders	..	2 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 80
9.	Surveyor	..	1 @ Rs. 60	Rs. 60
10.	Hospital servant	..	1 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 11
11.	Office establishment.—			
	Head clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 64	Rs. 64
	Accountant	..	1 @ Rs. 44	Rs. 44
	Clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 25	Rs. 25
	Typist	..	1 @ Rs. 37	Rs. 37
12.	Peons.—(3 office peons, 1 for the Assistant Superintendent, and 6 for the Unit Commanders)	..	10 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 110
13.	Clerks of the Unit Commanders	..	3 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 120
			4 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 120
14.	Seed Purchasing Maistry	..	1 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 30
				Rs. 4,541

APPENDIX II

(Please see question No. 35)

List

Dental	..	L.D.S., R.C.S.
X-ray	..	D.M.R.
Eye	..	L.O.
Laboratory	..	Training in the Tropical School of medicine, Calcutta
Tuberculosis	..	A course of training in the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Ear, Nose and Throat	..	A course of training at Bangalore

APPENDIX III

The Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—This Act may be called the Cochin Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act of 111 and shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*—In section 2 of the Cochin Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, for sub-clause (c) of clause (ii) the following shall be substituted, namely.—

"inland vessel propelled by steam, electricity or other mechanical power;"

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